

The **Duke of Edinburgh's Award** scheme is open to anyone aged between 14 and 24 and participation at any level is voluntary.

The award scheme is incredibly popular and increasingly recognised by employers, colleges and universities. Nationally there were 119,892 awards completed last year. At Farmor's we offer all three levels of the Award: Bronze, Silver and Gold. We have several highly skilled and dedicated members of staff that support students at every level through weekly meetings. Each student chooses a programme that suits their individual needs and interests. Many activities students already undertake can be counted towards their award.

All levels of the award require participants to complete four sections:

Skills

Physical

Volunteering

Expedition

At Gold an additional section, the Residential, must also be completed.

Bronze: offered to Year 9 students or older:

Students complete their practice and assessed 2 day expeditions over. The programme normally takes 6-12 months to complete with the skill, physical and volunteering sections taking 3 or 6 months.

Silver: offered to students in Year 10 or older

Students complete their practice and assessed 3 day expeditions over a weekend and typically use bank holidays/Inset days to avoid taking students out during term time.

- For students that have completed their Bronze award they can complete their programme in 6 months.
- Direct entrants (not done Bronze) will take at least 12 months to complete the award with sections taking either 3 (not volunteering), 6 or 12 months.

Gold: offered to any student in Year 12

Students complete their practice 4 day expedition over the Easter holidays and a 5 day expedition during a week in July - expeditions training is typically provided during enrichment lessons in Y12. Students can also undertake open expeditions using our expedition provider H5 Adventure.

- For students that have completed their Silver award they can complete the programme in 12-24 months.
- Direct entrant students (not done Silver) typically take 18-36 months to complete the award.

For more information on the Award please look at the DofE website: <http://www.dofe.org/>

For a complete list of programme ideas for all sections: [file:///N:/programme%20ideas%20-%20complete%20\(2\).pdf](file:///N:/programme%20ideas%20-%20complete%20(2).pdf)

For activity logs, programme planners and other information:

<http://www.dofe.info/en/content/cms/doing-your-dofe/activities-sections/>

Expedition equipment list:

https://www.dofeshopping.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Expedition_Kit_List.pdf

Remember registered participants get 15% off at Cotswolds, 10% off at GoOutdoors and many other stores.